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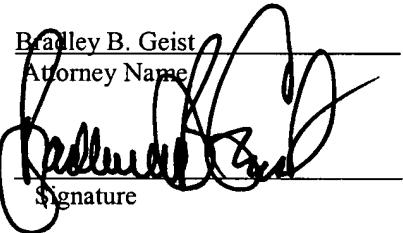
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METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2004.

The Examiner has required election of one of the following inventions:

Group I - Claims 1-20, 42, and 44, drawn to apparatus and method for limiting the rotation of the ocular globe of an eye to facilitate alignment of said instrument with the axis of astigmatism, or

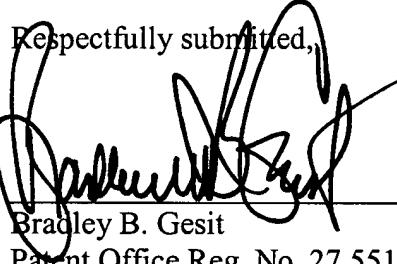
Group II - Claims 21-39, 43 and 45, drawing to apparatus and methods for supplying visual feedback to an operator during refractive surgery of an eye.

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Applicants hereby elect Group I - Claims 1 to 20, 42 and 44.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that the Examiner has applied an incorrect standard. Since this application is a National Phase of a Patent Cooperation Treaty Application, the proper standard is the "Unity of Invention" standard as set forth in 37 CFR 1.475.

In view of the above, an action on the merits is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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